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FROM THE SEPTEMBER TOWN MEETING

Skate boarding is now prohibited on public streets and sidewalks within the town of Trappe. Introduced by Vice



President Don English, the ordinance unanimously passed. The commissioners are looking into the feasibility of having an approved skate board facility in Trappe. This idea is in the early study phase.

The Town has renewed its contract with MDIA (Middle Department Inspection Agency) to enforce the town livability code.

Our attorney has been authorized to proceed with a deed transfer to allow the town to acquire the small park on Harrison Circle. This property belongs to the Trappe Recreation Council Inc. This organization has been inactive for many years.

The Town is taking up the question of weight limits on Main Street. With many older houses very close to the street some limits seem to be in order to prevent vibration damage.

There have been some complaints about unlawful burning within town limits. The Town Code, Section 4.3- states that an adult must be present who has adequate extinguishing equipment at the burning site, fires must be kept at least 25 feet from any building or other structure and 15 feet from any fence. There must be a cleared area of at least 10 feet around the perimeter of the fire. Fires must be extinguished by sundown. Burning is allowed: after 4:00 p.m., when the wind is under 10 mph., on class 1,2, and 3 days (check with the Fire Department). Exception is allowed when the Trappe Fire Department is present.



UPDATES

The new water tower is in service. Since August 21st your drinking water has come from the new tower and through the new water mains in Greenfield Ave. and Main Street. We now have the required detention time and water supply for fire fighting. No more surges of high chlorine for you Lakeview residents. The grant funding for this project is now coming back to the town. Plans are now being drawn for extending the distribution system on Howell Point Road and improving fire flows in La Trappe Heights. With these new lines will come lower fire insurance rates, water meters and a more fair system of billing.

Commissioner Richard Darling is working to improve police coverage and accountability of the Sheriff's Department. Improved coverage is expected for your tax dollars.



The Main Street project is nearing completion. All sewer and water lines below the street have been replaced. Hopefully we will not have to dig up the street for repairs anytime soon. New sidewalks and storm drains are also in place. Councilman Robert Quidas is the town's chairman for this project. He has negotiated an agreement with SHA to complete the sidewalk and storm drain all the way to Scotts Methodist church on both sides. The commissioners are grateful for the assistance of Ken Schisler, Addie Eckardt, and again to Richard Colburn.

We have a new face at the town hall. Welcome Michelle Haddaway. Michelle will be doing the town's book keeping, and helping to get the new computers and software on line and de-bugged. Commissioner Bud Reid has worked to keep the town's finances sound, and improve accountability through this period of infrastructure renewal.

PROJECTS

Its not too late to voice your opinion on these subjects. North Main street is still to have a sidewalk connecting the town with White Marsh Elementary School. This

project will be funded through Maryland's Sidewalk Retrofit Program. The Town still has the obligation to develop the ground around the water tower as a small park. When the park at Lakeview is acquired we will be open to ideas from local residents on how best to utilize it.

WASTED MONEY

We are all paying to haul rainwater to the landfill. Trashcans without covers fill with rainwater. We pay by weight and water is heavy, so are newspapers, especially when wet. Please cover your trashcans and use the recycling station. At least use it for newspapers. Money used like this is a total waste. No one benefits. Thank you to all who already cover their cans and recycle. You are helping to keep costs down for everyone.



Please keep clothing, rags, toys, and other solid debris out of the sewer. Carelessly flushed articles clog our wastewater pumping stations. Having these things removed from our pumping stations is an unnecessary and avoidable expense.

DROP BY DROP



Problems with your water quality? Maybe we can help. Cloudy water can occur after a service interruption or repair work. If the water clears after standing for a few minutes, with no mud or sediment in the glass, then the condition is probably caused by harmless air in the water. If the water does not clear after standing and/or leaves sediment in the glass, flush all faucets for several minutes to clear the pipes. If the problem persists, call the Town Office.

Unpleasant taste and odor problems are frequently caused by stale water and can be eliminated by flushing all faucets for several minutes. Some hot water heaters can cause a sulfur or "rotten egg" smell. Try a lower temperature setting or have a plumber remove the zinc anode rod. A simple faucet-mounted or under-the-sink filter can effectively remove chlorine taste and odor. These devices are inexpensive and many are user installable. Beware of water treatment scams! Expensive water softeners and exotic treatment systems are not necessary.

ABOUT THE TOWN

Nace's Day celebrations are scheduled for October 10th. This is an event unique to Trappe. Please give it your support and have a good time. If you are interested in

contributing to the parade in any way please contact Mr. Wilbert Roberts at 410-476-3792 or Mr. Walter Brown at 410-476-3531.

TRAPPE HOSTS "BLOCK PARTY"

Trappe Town Council members announced a "block party" to celebrate the completion of the south main street improvement project on October 31st, from 10:00am to 11:00 pm. The party will start at the corner of Maple Avenue and Main Street with a formal ribbon cutting and parade.

Activities are being provided by area churches, Trappe Volunteer Fire Company, Lions Club, social and service organizations, as well as Trappe businesses.

"Our intention is to give something back to the long suffering residents of south Main Street," said Council President Edgar Harrison "who have endured the dust, mud, and mess of having this central traffic artery torn up."

The construction project greatly improved the water, sewer, and vehicular traffic using main street and the state is getting ready to hand the completed project to the Town of Trappe.

All Council members agreed. "We all benefit from the improvements," Council member Don English is reported as saying, "but the heaviest burden landed on the residents on south Main Street itself."

Council members Don English, Edgar Harrison, and Bobby Quidas are supervising the Block Party committee. Quidas has been the town's liaison with the state of Maryland and Bramble construction, the state's contractor for the project.

The council issued a call to all interested groups to contact Carol Parks at 410-476-3170 during business hours for information on how their group could be involved.

"There are still a few items on the state's completion list," says Quidas, "but we feel we will be very close to completion by the Halloween Block Party date."



TRICK OR TREAT

October 31st

6:00 - 8:00 PM

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